

Memorandum from

The RTM Education Committee

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2009

Education Committee Members in Attendance: Christopher Camuti, Joan Davis, Dennis Maroney, David Bryon Martens, Emily McDermott, Christa McNamara, Susan Morrison, Sandra Savage, Lois Schneider, Mark Smosky, Barbara Thorne, Barbara Harrington, Karin Sharp and Priscilla Wong

Guests in Attendance: John Boulton – Chairman of Board of Education, Kim Westcott – Vice Chairperson of Board of Education

The meeting was called to order by Lois Schneider at 8:00 p.m.

Topics discussed:

1. Barbara Harrington from District 1 was introduced as the newest member of the RTM Education Committee.
2. Lois Schneider introduced the agenda. She indicated that the Energy Conservation Project and the capital request for the Royle School boilers will be voted on in March.
3. Vote on approval of outstanding minutes. Without objection the committee approved the minutes from November 24, 2008. Committee members Priscilla Wong and David Martens arrived at the meeting after the vote was taken.
4. Discussion of new Teachers' contract. Mr. Boulton informed the committee on the background of the budget process and reviewed the Darien Board of Education report to the RTM for the 2009-2012 Contract Settlement with the Darien Education Association. Questions and discussion ensued.
5. Vote on the Teachers' contract Resolution 09-1: Vote was in favor of approving the Teachers' contract with 10 YES votes, 2 NO votes, and 2 Abstaining Votes.
6. Review of the budget process to date and discussion of issues involved in the budget. Questions were gathered to be presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, Jan 27th, 2009.
7. The upcoming RTM Education Committee schedule was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christa McNamara

Clerk RTM Education Committee